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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Town of Twin Bridges
P.O. Box 307
Twin Bridges, MT 59754-0307

FACILITY NAME: Twin Bridges Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Twin Bridges, Madison County, MT

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Bayer's Ditch

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0028797

Montana Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to renew the Town of Twin Bridges Wastewater Treatment Facility (Twin Bridges WWTF) Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit. The permit was first issued in 1994, and the current permit expired on October 31, 2013. The Twin Bridges WWTF is a publicly owned wastewater treatment facility located in Twin Bridges, MT. The facility consists of a two cell facultative lagoon system which treats domestic sewage from the town. The facility design flow is 0.07 million gallons per day (mgd), and effluent is discharged to Bayer's Ditch. A storage lagoon and land application system was installed in 2012, and the facility has not needed to discharge to the ditch since April 2012. Twin Bridges wishes to renew its discharge permit, and the proposed permit will continue to apply limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), total suspended solids (TSS), and pH; and add

limits for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria and nutrients (total nitrogen and total phosphorous). The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit *Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al.*, CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT NAME: City of Libby
952 East Spruce
Libby, MT 59923

FACILITY NAME: Libby Water Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 48°22'43"N, -115°33'29"

RECEIVING WATER: City of Libby Storm Water System

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030341

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is proposing to renew the City of Libby Water Treatment Plant (Libby WTP) Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit. The previous permit was issued September 1, 2007 and expired August 31, 2012. The Libby WTP is presently operating under a Department extension of the 2007 permit. The Libby WTP is owned by the City of Libby and supplies potable water to approximately 2,600 residents. The Libby WTP discharges effluent generated during the filter washing process. This effluent is discharged to a series of three settling lagoons. The average discharge of effluent from this facility is 52,000 gallons per day (gpd). The facility is designed to handle up to 70,000 gpd of effluent. After treatment, the effluent is monitored, and discharged to the City of Libby storm water collection system. This storm water system discharges to the Kootenai River. The City of Libby wishes to renew its discharge permit. The proposed permit would continue to apply limits for chlorine and aluminum. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval. The proposed permit would be effective for a period of five years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS December 24, 2014. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS December 24, 2014 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Barb Sharpe at bsharpe@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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